(b) The policy statement was approved by the appropriate authority.

Recommendations of the Expert Committee

2488. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY :
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that no decision has been taken on the recommendations of expert committee on Category-I drugs from November, 1988 to July, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of medicines needed for National Health Programmes have gone up by more than 150 percent after the announcement of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987;

(c) what are the details of drugs which have not been included under price control so far which were identified by expert committee; and

(d) what was the price of each medicine based on each drug before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) and (c) This Ministry did not appoint any expert Committee for this purpose.

(b) and (d) Prices of drugs included in Category-I of the DPCO, 1987 are regulated as per provisions of the DPCO, 1987. Increase in prices varying from case to case has been allowed for some drugs.

Overcharging on Oxytetracycline

2489. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the notified/fixed price of Oxytetracycline and its salts as on 1st April, 1979 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the prices of Oxytetracycline were revised subsequently ;

(c) if so, when and what were the revised prices for Oxytetracycline and its salts under DPCO, 1979 and when were these prices implemented ;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is monitoring the production of Oxytetracycline and its salts ;

(e) if so, what was the production of each manufacturer after 1980 upto 1987, yearwise ;

(f) whether his Ministry has worked out the overcharged amount on this drug; and

(g) if so, what are the names of the companies, amount worked out in favour of each company and the price and quantity on which calculation was made ?

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